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SUBJECT: TTBT/PNE NEGOTIATIONS: NUMBER OF OBSERVERS

TTBT/PNE DELEGATION MESSAGO NO 103

REF: STATE 51193 PARA 1

1. BASED ON TRACK RECORD TO DATE SOVIETS WILL OPPOSE ANY RIGHTS, INCLUDING RIGHTS AS TO NUMBER OF OBSERVERS, NOT CLEARLY NECESSARY FOR AGREED PURPOSES. ANY PROPOSAL TO INCREASE NUMBER OF OBSERVERS TO PERFORM SAME VERIFICATION TASKS, REGARDLESS OF ASSERTED JUSTIFICATION, WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY BE CHARACTERIZED BY SOVIETS AS ANOTHER STEP BACKWARDS BY US FROM PRIOR NEGOTIATING POSITION.

2. NUMBERS IN DRAFT ARTICLE IX HAVE BEEN ON TABLE SINCE DEC 16. US PROPOSALS SINCE THAT TIME HAVE BEEN IN DIRECTION OF LIMITING OBSERVER FUNCTIONS, AT LEAST BELOW 300 KILOTONS, AND, IF NUMBER OF OBSERVERS IS TO REFLECT VERIFICATION TASKS TO BE PERFORMED, DELEGATION CANNOT ENVISAGE CASE WHERE NUMBER WOULD NEED TO BE INCREASED. INDEED, IT SEEMS TO US, IN LIGHT OF FEWER OBSERVER FUNCTIONS BELOW 300 KILOTONS, THAT NUMBER SHOULD BE LESS THAN, OR NO MORE THAN EQUAL TO, NUMBER IN DRAFT ARTICLE IX AT ANY GIVEN AGGREGATE YIELD LEVEL.

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3. IT SEEMS TO DELEGATION THAT NUMBER OF OBSERVERS TO BE

ALLOWED SHOULD BE RELATED TO NUMBER OF INDIVIDUAL EXPLOSIONS AND BE ARGUED ON BASIS ON MANPOWER REQUIREMENTS FOR TASKS STATED IN FOLLOWING CATEGORIES:

(A) CONFIRMATION OF GEOLOGICAL AND GEOPHYSICAL INFORMATION THROUGH AGREED PROCEDURES;

(B) CONFIRMATION THAT LOCAL CIRCUMSTANCES ARE CONSISTENT WITH STATED PEACEFUL PURPOSE AND OBSERVATION OF EMPLACEMENT, STEMMING, AND EXPLOSION;

(C) FIELDING AND OPERATION OF SLIFER EQUIPMENT AS SUPPLEMENT TO SUBPARA (B) ABOVE; AND

(D) FIELDING AND OPERATION OF LOCAL SEISMIC NETWORK AS SUPPLEMENT TO SUBPARAS (B) AND (C) ABOVE.

4. NUMBER OF OBSERVERS SHOULD ALSO REFLECT ADMINISTRATIVE AND COORDINATION FUNCTIONS REQUIRED FOR FIELDING OF OBSERVER TEAM, AS WELL AS TIME PHASING AND OTHER ASPECTS OF SUBPARAS (A) THROUGH (D) OF PARA 3, ABOVE, WHICH MAKE MANPOWER REQUIREMENTS ADDITIVE OR COMPLEMENTARY.

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